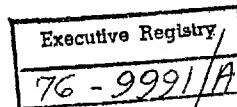


9 SEP 1976



The Honorable James C. Fletcher
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, D. C. 20546

Dear Jim:

It was thoughtful of you to send along
the mosaics growing out of your Landsat
satellites. Hardly a day passes that I am
not struck with awe with the "state of the art."

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

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Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear George:

I thought you might like to have this picture of the 48
conterminous states as seen by our Landsat satellites.

This picture is, in fact, a mosaic of 569 individual NASA
satellite images prepared by the National Geographic Society
for its July 1976 Bicentennial issue. I have enclosed a
reprint from this issue which describes the history of the
mosaic and provides some detail about the satellite images
and their many uses. To illustrate the utility of these
Landsat images, I have also included a larger scale view of
the New Orleans area which clearly shows rural, urban and
coastal features of considerable interest to policy makers,
planners, and resource managers.

We in NASA are very pleased with this mosaic, not just
because it was done for the Bicentennial of this great
nation of ours, but because it illustrates an emerging
capability using satellites to monitor our environment and
better manage the resources of this ever shrinking planet.

Sincerely,

James C. Fletcher
Administrator

3 Enclosures